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The attached references were cited in a Japanese Patent Office Action dated March 16, 2004 in the corresponding Japanese patent application. The USPTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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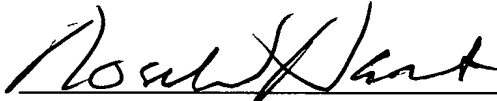
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1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the USPTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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